REMARKS

The abstract is amended to correct an informality.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 3-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kwon, et al. [U.S. Patent #5,768,215]. Applicant traverses this rejection and disagrees with the Examiner's interpretations of the prior art. Nonetheless, claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 2, which is indicated as allowable. Thus claim 1, as well as claims 3-4 which depend from claim 1 and recite additional novel features, are allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 5 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 5 and 6 are rewritten as suggested, and are now allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7-22 are allowed.

Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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